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1. SUMMARY: BULGARIAN MEDIA REPORTING ON SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S MIDDLE EAST-EUROPE TRIP HAS BEEN BRIEF AND FACTUAL. COMMENTARIES HAVE STRESSED BULGARIAN VIEW THAT BOTH ARAB-ISRAELI AND CYPRUS CONFLICTS SHOULD BE SETTLED BY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. FOREIGN NEWS PLAY GIVEN TO WILSON VISIT TO SOVIET UNION. SEE SEPTEL ON CYPRUS.

2. BULGARIAN TELEVISION (BTV) WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE "PANORAMA"

2000 LOCAL SAT 15 FEB INCLUDED: (A) BULGARIAN TELEGRAPH

AGENCY (BTA) BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT SAID U.S. SUPPORTS ISRAELI DESIRE FOR 18-MONTH INTERIM AGREEMENT IN SINAI SO THAT U.S.

MIGHT CONCENTRATE ON OIL CRISIS AND 1976

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

(B) BTV CORRESPONDENT TOMA TOMOV CITED CHANGE IN U.S.

MEDIA VIEW OF SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM "SUPER-K" LAST YEAR

(WHEN TOMOV WAS IN U.S.) TO PRESENT HEAVY CRITICISM OF

SECRETARY, SAID THIS CHANGE "REFLECTS CONTRADICTIONS WITHIN

AMERICAN SOCIETY", INCLUDING EXECUTIVE-CONGRESSIONAL

DIFFERENCES AND "ZIONIST INFLUENCES". AS "SUFFICIENT

EVIDENCE" OF LATTER, TOMOV POINTED TO RETRACTION BY

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JUKEFNTSON, "SOMEWHAT OF SPOKESMAN FOR U.S. ADMINISTRATION",

OF HIS RECENT REFERENCE TO ISRAELIS AS "AGGRESSORS".

3. PARTY PAPER "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" TUES 18 FEB CARRIES AS
LEAD ON FOREIGN NEWS PAGE FULL TEXT OF KISSINGER-GROMYKO
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